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can sign your name to:it or you cannot; it makes no difference. You cannot say anything or ask any questions. When I was there, a thousand neople got sentenced in one day. My sentence was three years at slave labor for violation of Paragraph 18; which is illegal entry into the country. This was in Starobelsk, near Krakow. One is usually happy to go to the camp, for there at least one can work and be in the fresh air. Especially for specialists, it is better to go to the camp. In every city there is a prisoner slave labor camp. The big original and big political prisoners are sent to the prison camps outside Russia propers. North arctic, Ramchatka, Sakhalin, and the 160th camp in Murmansk. In 1941 the camp at Murmansk was climinated because the railroad there was finished.

- 4. Q. Are the camps in the Far East considered worse than those in Enropel
 - A. No, they are the same.
- 5. Q. I understand that everyone arrested is first put in a prison in the area where he is arrested, and stays there for about a year. During that time the prisoner is subject to constant interrogation. During that interrogation, does the NEVD try to get confessions?
 - A. Tes. As old friend of mine, a veterinarian, was accused because many horses in his enterprise died. They called it economic agitation against the Soviet. He was interrogated for six days by many officers. He did not confess, but on the seventh day he fell asleep in the room where they were interrogating him. When he woke up he found that he had signed a confession.
- 6. Q. Do they always try to get their prisoners to sign confessione?
 - A. All the time.
- 7. Q. And if they don't sign!
 - A. It doesn't make any difference.
- 5. Q. Do they ever give sentences for less than one year—for instance, six months, or three months?
 - A. The minimum is three years.
- 9. Q. Is that for both political and criminal prisoners?
 - A. Political prisoners never get three years. Political prisoners mostly get from five to ten years, generally ten years.
- 10. Q. Are political prisoners ever tried in open courts?
 - A. Usually not.
- 11. Q. Are the political prisoners always told what the charges against them are?
 - A. You. you.
- 12. Q. But they never have any chance to get witnesses in their behalf?
 - A. Not before the Troiks—and they have no annual, except after cix months in camp. Then they can apply to the camp commander for mercy.

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